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Dear Neighbor:

The 2007 legislative session is underway and our state faces many challenges. The number of children and families with little or no access to affordable, quality health care continues to grow; our electricity rates continue to rise; and our schools are not receiving their fair share of state funding. These are issues that must be addressed during this legislative session.

Should you have any questions or need assistance on issues relating to your state government, please contact my office at **240-0498**.

Sincerely,  
  
Senator Jonathan Harris



Your State Senator

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# From Your State Senator **Jonathan Harris**

## **Increasing Access to Affordable, Quality Health Care**

We must ensure that all of Connecticut's residents have access to affordable, quality health care. To begin to achieve this goal, we must:

- Promote preventive care through the expansion of community and school-based health centers and wellness programs
- Expand HUSKY coverage for children and adults
- Provide incentives and support for businesses that continue comprehensive coverage for their employees and employees' dependents
- Establish incentives that promote healthy behavior

These are the first of many steps that must be taken in order to fix a system in desperate need of repair.



## **Providing Opportunities for Smart, Affordable Energy for Today and Tomorrow**

The recent increase in electricity rates has reinforced the urgent need for the state to examine both short-term remedies and long-term solutions to help stabilize energy costs for businesses and residents.

We must encourage energy efficiency and conservation through greater investment and incentives. In addition, we need to work with our Congressional delegation on a federal energy policy that emphasizes conservation, investment in renewables and energy independence.